

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
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HEALTH REVIEW

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**CHILD HEALTH DAY.** May Day is again to be celebrated all over the country as Child Health Day. The idea of using May Day to call attention to the needs of children, originated with the American Child Health Association of New York City some four years ago. The emphasis of the observance of this day is gradually changing from a one day's festival to an all year around observance and permanent child health and child welfare program.

A state-wide advisory committee has been formed consisting of leaders in health and welfare activities, such as Governor J. M. Erickson, Chancellor Brannon, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Helena, Mrs. Sara Morso, Miss Blanche Lee of Bozeman, the heads of the various churches of the state, and others. Local chairmen have been appointed in every county and programs are being arranged with considerable enthusiasm. Information concerning the May Day plans for Montana may be obtained by addressing the State May Day Chairman, care of the State Board of Health, Helena, Montana.

**THE PRE-SCHOOL ROUND-UP.** A few years ago the national congress of parents and teachers instituted what is known as the Pre-School Round-Up. This Round-up is carried on through local Parent-Teacher circles that are affiliated with the state and national congress. The idea of the Round-up is to see that every pre-school child that will enter school for the first time in the autumn will enter in the best possible physical condition. These children are gathered together by means of a diagnostic clinic sometime during May or early June. A committee is then appointed from the local Parent-Teacher Association to do the follow-up work by means of home visiting and to urge the parents to have any defects found at the clinic corrected during the summer months. The emphasis is made on having these defects corrected through the efforts of the parents by their family physician. A second diagnostic clinic is held in September or October and the percentage of improvements determined. A report of the progress made, together with a story of the methods used, is then sent to the national congress by those circles wishing to compete for a prize. This pre-school Round-up gives promise of being one of the finest things ever undertaken for the health of our children. Further information concerning this Round-up may be obtained by addressing the director of the Child Welfare Division, State Board of Health, who is serving as state chairman for the Montana P. T. A.

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Dr. John X. Newman, who has been director of the hygienic laboratory of the State Board of Health for the past four years, has resigned to accept a position in St. James' Hospital in Butte. This is a distinct loss to the State Board of Health. Through the physicians of the state Dr. Newman has rendered very valuable service to the people. We are sorry he is leaving us. Arrangements have been made to continue the routine laboratory work pending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Newman.

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CURRENT DISEASE STATISTICS.

	Reported for weeks ending	
	April 2,	April 9.
Tuberculosis,	0	1
Typhoid fever,	0	4
Smallpox	21	16
Diphtheria,	4	1
Scarlet fever,	66	56
Measles,	49	35
Whooping cough,	0	4
Chickenpox,	35	22
Mumps,	15	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis (epidemic)	1	8
Other diseases,	0	5

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